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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN JAMMING OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA

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1. DURING GENERAL TOUR D.HORIZON WITH PRIMIN TODOROV APRIL 11, SECRETARY DENT DEFTLY TOUCHED UPON ANOMALY OF BULGARIAN JAMMING OF VOA BROADCASTS. TODOROV HAD BEEN SET UP FOR THIS BY MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL).

2. TODOROV FIRST SAID THAT "MEDIA IN BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS". AS REGARDS VOA, THE MATTER WOULD BE STUDIED "AND WE WILL TRY TO FIND A WAY TO SETTLE THIS IN A POSITIVE MANNER".

3. "WE HOPE", TODOROV ADDED, "THAT THESE BROADCASTS WILL BE OF A KIND THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND BULGARIA. IF THEY HINDER THEM IT WILL BE NATURAL FOR US TO TAKE STEPS THAT WE CONSIDER APPROPRIATE".

4. TO WHICH SECRETARY DENT REPLIED THAT IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS, THE THING TO DO IS TO DISCUSS
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THEM WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WHO LIKES TO ENGAGE IN

FRANK DISCUSSION OF SUCH MATTERS.

5. COMMENT: I DOUBT THAT WE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED SUCH FORTHCOMING RESPONSE IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR PRESENCE OF SECRETARY DENT HERE. NOW IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT ACTION IF ANY WILL FOLLOW TODOROV'S IMPLICATION THAT JAMMING WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

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